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VICE COMMISSION RERPORT ON THE PROBLEM OF CHILD PROTECTION AND EDUCATION

The Duty Society Owes—Where Children Are Surrounded by Immoral Influences and Dangers—Why Some Children Are on the Streets—What Can Be Done to Protect These Little Ones?

In the mad rush for wealth by some, and a strenuous struggle for a living by others, the duty society owes to itself of protecting the children has been neglected.

Only in recent years has anything of note been accomplished in the way of legislation regulating child labor; and we can thank organized labor for that.

While it is still possible, it is becoming more difficult for men to grind up the souls and bodies of little children to make dollars for themselves.

Where the blood and brain and muscle of babies are still turned into the industrial hopper, to come out in automobiles, French gowns and \$150 hats at the other end—men can't get away with it as easily as they used to.

But even if we could actually prohibit child labor, that alone wouldn't save the children today.

Industrial conditions will have to be so changed that fathers and mothers who are willing to work can earn enough money and have enough time to properly care for their offspring.

There may be a few inhuman parents whose greed would overcome the natural parental instinct, but the great majority of fathers and mothers want to make conditions in life better, so that their children may have better opportunity than the parents had.

It is known that it is the poor who have the children, because the rich don't like to spare the time from social dissipation to have babies and to raise them.

This may be a wise dispensation of nature—that families en-